



# Illinois Health Information Exchange News

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## Health Information Exchange Transforming Health Care in Illinois

### ILHIE Chooses InterSystems to Build Illinois' Exchange

The Illinois Office of Health Information Technology has selected InterSystems Corporation as its statewide technology partner. The selection of InterSystems marks an important step in transforming healthcare in Illinois by developing a health information exchange system across the state.

#### Governor Pat Quinn on Selecting a Vendor and Building the ILHIE:

"Building our electronic health information exchange is a major step in transforming health care and helping patients. Statewide access to electronic records means that vital patient information will be instantly available to doctors and hospitals when it is needed most, improving health care delivery and saving lives."

[Click here](#) or visit the ILHIE website to view the Governor's press release announcing the vendor selection.

### Take Advantage of Financial Incentives and Technical Assistance

In unprecedented numbers, providers are taking full advantage of the financial incentives offered for meaningful users of electronic health records through Medicare and Medicaid. Visit the [CMS Electronic Health Records Incentives website](#) to register for Medicare Incentive Payments, or the [Illinois Medicaid Electronic Health Records Incentives website](#) to register for Medicaid Incentive Payments.

Do you need help getting your electronic health records project off the ground? For implementation support and technical assistance contact the Illinois Regional Extension Centers at: [www.ilhitrec.org/ilhitrec/](http://www.ilhitrec.org/ilhitrec/) (for providers statewide), or [www.chitrec.org/](http://www.chitrec.org/) (for providers in Chicago).

**We'd like to hear from you.** Please share your health IT stories with us. For more information, questions or to register for email updates please contact the Illinois Office of Health Information Technology at [www.hie.illinois.gov/](http://www.hie.illinois.gov/) or call 312-814-1600.

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## Satisfy Stage 1 Meaningful Use Exchange At no Cost with ILHIE Direct

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The Illinois Health Information Exchange (ILHIE) is pleased to assist healthcare professionals in reaching Stage 1 Meaningful Use with ILHIE Direct Secure Messaging service at no cost beginning in December 2011 through 2012. ILHIE Direct makes it possible to securely transmit information to another trusted provider outside your network to quickly achieve the clinical exchange requirement (performing a test of a health information exchange) for Stage 1 Meaningful Use.

ILHIE Direct replaces slow, inconvenient, expensive methods of exchange (such as paper and faxes), providing a path to more advanced interoperability. For more information please contact us at [hfs.hie@illinois.gov](mailto:hfs.hie@illinois.gov), or 312-814-1600. ILHIE Direct will be provided at no cost to Illinois health care providers beginning this December through 2012.

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The Future is Now! With Illinois' health information exchange being built, Medicare and Medicaid incentives, the ILHIE Direct Secure Messaging Solution available December 2011 through December 2012 at no cost and the IL Regional Extension Centers that are ready to help you get started...

**Now more than ever, it's time to embrace health IT**

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